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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works  
to Original House Bill No. 776 by Representative Bourriaque

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "3453" change "R.S. 34:3452(D)," to "R.S.  
3 34:3452(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (D),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "enact" and before "relative" change "R.S. 34:3457(C)," to "R.S.  
6 34:3451(6) through (8) and 3457(C),"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 5, after "program;" and before "to" insert "to provide for the maximum  
9 amounts allotted to port projects; to provide for definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law  
10 Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, line 9, after "Section 1." and before "3453" change "R.S. 34:3452(D)," to "R.S.  
13 34:3452(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (D),"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 5

15 On page 1, line 10, after "reenacted and" and before "hereby" change "R.S. 34:3457(C) is"  
16 to "R.S. 34:3451(6) through (8) and 3457(C) are"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 6

18 On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

19        "§3451. Definitions

20                As used in this Chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
21 following definitions shall apply:

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23                (6) "Benefit cost ratio" means the total benefits divided by the total cost of  
24 a project with the total cost being equal to the total investment, both public and  
25 private, required to implement the total project and derive the benefits and with total  
26 benefits being equal to the revenues and expenses, number of jobs, payroll benefits,  
27 spin-off benefits of payroll, shipping costs, or any other benefits that are  
28 determinable.

29                (7) "Large project" means a project with a total project cost between forty  
30 million dollars and eighty million dollars with a benefit cost ratio greater than or  
31 equal to five, a return on the state's investment greater than or equal to three and one  
32 half, and a private investment of between twenty-five and fifty percent of the total  
33 project cost.

34                (8) "Standard project" means a project with a benefit cost ratio greater than  
35 or equal to one and a return on the state's investment greater than or equal to two and  
36 three hundred seventy-five thousandths."

37 AMENDMENT NO. 7

38 On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

1            "A.(1) Applications for funding of any port construction or development  
 2 project may be submitted by any port authority on a quarterly basis, except as  
 3 provided in R.S. 34:3456. Applications shall be submitted to the department no later  
 4 than the first of March, June, September, and December of each calendar year for  
 5 consideration of funding or funding obligation authority in the following fiscal years.  
 6 Applications submitted in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be  
 7 subject to the provisions of R.S. 39:101 through 128. The maximum amount for  
 8 participation in standard projects shall be twenty-one million dollars, with a  
 9 maximum allotment of seven million dollars per year per port and the maximum  
 10 amount for participation in large projects shall be thirty-three million dollars, with  
 11 a maximum allotment of eleven million dollars per year per port. Information to be  
 12 provided in the application shall include but not be limited to the following:

- 13            (a) Description of the project and demonstration of immediate need for the  
 14 project.  
 15            (b) Preliminary project design and cost estimate.  
 16            (c) Description of project area."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 8

18 On page 2, line 17, after "State" and before "The" delete "as provided for in R.S. 43:81." and  
 19 insert a comma "," and "as provided for in R.S. 43:81, beginning on July 1, 2027."

20 AMENDMENT NO. 9

21 On page 3, line 4, after "Chapter" delete the remainder of the line and insert a period " ."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 10

23 On page 3, line 16, after "match" and before the period "." insert a comma "," and "subject  
 24 to the legislature allocating additional Transportation Trust Fund dollars to the Port  
 25 Construction and Development Priority Program"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 11

27 On page 3, delete lines 17 and 18 in their entirety

28 AMENDMENT NO. 12

29 On page 4, line 6, after "State" and before "The" delete "as provided for in R.S. 43:81." and  
 30 insert a comma "," and "as provided for in R.S. 43:81, beginning on July 1, 2027."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 13

32 On page 4, after line 14, insert the following:

33            "Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and  
 34 directed to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 34:3451 and  
 35 to correct any cross-references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent  
 36 with the provisions of this Act."